1. (Twice Amended) A wheel retention device comprising:

a base [adapted] intended for mounting on a rack and including an open cavity, said open cavity being sized to receive a portion of a wheel therein; and

a retention ring mounted on said base, wherein said retention ring is [adapted] intended to rotate generally around said base so as to block an opening in said base leading to said cavity and secure [the] a wheel relative to said base,

wherein said base and said retention [rings] ring comprise plural mating faceted surfaces for securing said retention ring relative to said base [in absence of a rotational movement applied to said retention ring by a user].

2. (Twice Amended) A wheel retention device according to claim 1 wherein [the] said wheel comprises a bicycle wheel and said open cavity is sized to receive a portion of a rim and a tire of said bicycle wheel therein.

3. (Amended) A wheel retention device according to claim 1 wherein said base includes a generally cylindrical outer surface and wherein said retention ring is [adapted] intended to rotate generally around said cylindrical outer surface.

5. (Amended) A wheel retention device according to claim 3 wherein said outer surface includes a groove formed therein, said retention ring being [rotationally] mounted within said groove.

6. (Twice Amended) A wheel retention device according to claim 5 wherein said plural mating faceted surfaces define linear segments, wherein a first one of said linear [segment is] segments is at an angle of approximately 20 degrees relative to a second, adjacent one of said linear [segment] segments.

8. (Twice Amended) A rack for securing a wheeled vehicle therein, comprising:

a first wheel well [adapted] intended for receiving a first wheel of the wheeled vehicle therein;

a second wheel well operatively connected to said first wheel well, said second wheel well comprising a channel; and

a wheel retention device including a base [adapted] intended for mounting on said channel and a retention ring mounted on said base, said retention ring [adapted] intended to rotate in discrete segmented steps about said base so as to retain a second wheel of said wheeled vehicle within said base thereby securing said wheeled vehicle to the rack.

9. (Twice Amended) A rack for securing a wheeled vehicle according to claim 8 wherein said base includes a central opening extending therethrough, said central opening [adapted] intended for receiving said second wheel therein.

12. (Twice Amended) A rack for securing a wheeled vehicle according to claim 11 wherein said base includes a plurality of beveled surfaces and wherein said retention ring includes a plurality of corresponding mating beveled surfaces such that when

said beveled surfaces of said base contact said corresponding beveled surfaces of said retention ring, the retention ring is frictionally [nominally] held stationary with respect to said base but is [adapted] intended to rotate in discrete segmented steps.

16. (Twice Amended) A method of securing a wheeled vehicle to a rack according to claim 15 wherein said base includes a central cavity extending therethrough, said central cavity having an opening [adapted] thereto, where said opening is intended for receiving said second wheel therein, said retention member blocking the opening [in said central cavity] after placement of said second wheel in said central cavity.

17. (Twice Amended) A method of securing a wheeled vehicle to a rack according to claim 16 wherein said retention member is [adapted] intended to rotate with respect to said base so as to [enclose] block said opening and close said central cavity.

18. (Twice Amended) A method of securing a wheeled vehicle to a rack according to claim 15 wherein said base includes a periphery and a groove formed [therein] in said periphery, with said retention member being mounted within said groove.

19. (Twice Amended) A method of securing a wheeled vehicle to a rack according to claim 18 wherein said groove includes beveled surfaces and wherein said retention member includes a plurality of mating beveled surfaces that [nest] matingly engage

with the beveled surfaces of said groove such that the retention ring is nominally stationarily positioned with respect to said base.

22. (Amended) A wheel retaining device according to claim 21 wherein said stepwise movement control means comprises [nesting] matingly engaging segmented portions defined on said base member and said securement member.

23. (Amended) A wheel retaining device according to claim 22 wherein said [nesting] matingly engaging segmented portions are correspondingly complimentary and comprise plural beveled regions defined on said base and [corresponding complementary] plural beveled portions defined on said securement member.

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-23 are pending in this application of which claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 16-19, 22 and 23 have been amended.

In the Office Action dated May 18, 1999, the Examiner objects to the title of the invention alleging it is not descriptive. The title has been amended to be clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

The Examiner objects to claim 1 because the applicant has allegedly failed to consistently refer to the same element of the invention with the same language, and because it is alleged that certain recitations of claim 1 do not further limit the